

West Virginia (WV) Bureau for Medical Services (BMS)

Abbreviated Public Notice for Section 1115 Waiver Renewal – Extended Comment Period

Updated April 4, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE. Pursuant to 42 CFR 431.408, BMS will provide the public the opportunity to review and provide input on the Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Renewal. This abbreviated public notice provides additional information of public interest regarding a proposed waiver renewal to West Virginia’s Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver titled: *West Virginia Creating a Continuum of Care for Medicaid Enrollees with Substance Use Disorders (SUD)*.

West Virginia’s current Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration titled, “*West Virginia Creating a Continuum of Care for Medicaid Enrollees with SUD*” was originally submitted and approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in October 2017 to help WV combat the ongoing public health crisis of its high rate of drug overdose deaths in the country. The current waiver demonstration was developed to help increase the availability of SUD prevention and treatment services for Medicaid members, improve overall health and health outcomes, and improve the integration of physical and behavioral health. Currently, services under the waiver include Peer Recovery Support Services, Residential Treatment for Individuals with a SUD and Methadone Treatment.

In addition to the current 1115 waiver services, the State is seeking to extend the waiver for another five years and proposes to expand services beyond SUD to further enhance the continuum of care. Additional services being proposed are:

Supported Employment	Continuity of Care for Justice-Involved Individuals
Supported Housing	Expansion of Peer Recovery Support Services
Recovery Housing	Expansion of IMD Services and Lengths of Stay
Quick Response Teams	Contingency Management using the TRUST Model
HIV/HCV Education, Screening, Testing, and Outreach	Involuntary Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization

Since the conclusion of the State’s first 30-day public comment period, BMS has included additional information in the application for the public’s review and comment. Updates to the application include:

- Summaries of External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) reports, managed care organization (MCO) report, and State quality assurance monitoring
- An evaluation report, inclusive of evaluation activities and findings
- Summary of post-award public input and the State’s compliance with the public notice process set forth in 42 CFR 431.412 (vii) within the application’s section pertaining to public notice

For further information on these proposed service changes, electronic copies of the proposed waiver application and public notice details are available on the WVDHHR website at:

<https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Public%20Notices/Pages/Medicaid-Section-1115-Waiver-Renewal-Demonstration.aspx>

Public comments on the waiver application renewal can be submitted between April 4, 2022 through midnight on May 4, 2022. Comments can be sent in the following ways:

Email: BMS.Comments@wv.gov // **Telephone:** 304-558-1700 // **U.S. Mail:** Behavioral Health 1115 Waiver
350 Capital Street, Room 251 Charleston, WV 25301

For more information, please visit: [https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Programs/WaiverPrograms/Pages/Substance-Use-Disorder-\(SUD\)-Waiver-.aspx](https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Programs/WaiverPrograms/Pages/Substance-Use-Disorder-(SUD)-Waiver-.aspx)